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TO USDOC WASHDC PRIORITY  
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AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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FOR CAGNE, OIM/SAD FROM LILL

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, SY  
SUBJECT: PROCESS CONTROLS TRADE MISSION, OCT 1977

1. TENTATIVE DAMASCUS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

OCT 14 (FRI)  
09:25 ALL TM MEMBERS EXCEPT SALEM AND ZAHARNA ARRIVE  
FROM  
KUWAIT ON KU 551. WILL BE MET BY CONTROL  
OFFICER MICHAEL DAVIS.

15:00 MISSION BRIEFING AT EMBASSY (5 MINUTE RIDE  
FROM MERIDIEN HOTEL) BY AMBASSADOR MURPHY;  
PATRICK THEROS, CHIEF, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL  
SECTION; MR. DAVIS, AND AID DIRECTOR GORDON  
RAMSEY.

REST OF DAY (A SYRIAN HOLIDAY) FREE.

19:15 SALEM AND ZAHARNA ARRIVE FROM AMMAN ON SB 216.  
WILL BE MET.

OCT 15 (SAT) THROUGH OCT 18 (TUES)

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SINCE ALL GROUP AND MAN INDIVIDUAL VISITS WILL BE ON  
MINISTRIES AND STATE-OWNED INDUSTRIES, THESE WILL  
HAVE TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND ECONOMY. SCHEDULE WILL NOT BE FIXED  
UNTIL PERHAPS A WEEK BEFORE MISSION ARRIVAL. EMBASSY  
WILL CABLE SCHEDULE TO OTHER POSTS AS WELL AS TO  
USDOC. APPOINTMENTS WITH BUSINESSMEN WILL BE SCHEDULED

AROUND GOVERNMENT VISITS AND MOST LIKELY WILL OCCUR  
AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE  
HOMS VISIT (TO REFINERY AND FERTILIZER PLANTS) FOR  
SUNDAY OR NONDAY,( OCT 16 OR 17, IN ORDER LEAVE MISSION  
MEMBERS FREE TIME AFTERNOON TUES OCT 18. EMBASSY  
WILL SCHEDULE NO GROUP ACTIVITIES ANY EVENING EXCEPT  
AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION, WHICH IS SET FOR EVENING,  
SAURDAY, OCT 15, AT HIS RESIDENCE.

2. MISSION'S DANASCUS BUDGET IS AS FOLLOWS:

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TENPORARY BILINGUAL SECRETARY FOR 4 DAYS,

OCT 15-18 \$140

OVERTIME FOR EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES 500

NISSION DIRECTOR'S SUITE, 5 DAYS AT

\$100 PER DAY 500

BUS RENTAL FOR 5 DAYS, INCLUDING HOMS TRIP 325

MISCELLANEOUS (PHOTOS, PORTERAGE, ETC.) 100

TOTAL \$1565

HOSPITALITY

AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION \$600

GRAND TOTAL \$2165

REQUEST ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF \$65.00 FOR

DAMASCUS FROM

MISSION RESERVE FUND.

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3. HOTEL RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT MERIDIEN HOTEL,  
11 SINGLES AND SUITE. SINGLES, 180 SYRIAN POUNDS  
PER DAY; SUITE 380 SL PER DAY.

4. PRESS COVERAGE - NO PRESS CONFERENCE ILANNED.

ADVANCE NEWSPAPER/RADIO PUBLICITY WOULD BE POSSIBLE  
ONLY WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION AND THIS UNLIKELY  
TO OCCUR. SOME PUBLICITY MAY RESULT FROM MINISTERIAL  
AND/OR PLANT VISITS.

5. TENPORARY SECRETARY - SINCE MISSION WILL WORK OUT OF  
HOTEL, A BILINGUAL SECRETARY WILL BE EMPLOYED AT  
MISSION SUITE FROM SATURDAY THROUGH TUESDAY, OCT 15-18.  
MURPHY

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6. RECEPTION - ABOUT 200 PERSONS (INCLUDING WIVES)  
WILL BE INVITED TO AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION AT HIS  
RESIDENCE. GUES LIST WILL BE INCLUDED IN TM KIT  
ON MISSION ARRIVAL. APPOINTMENTS WITH BUSINESSMEN  
CAN BE EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM CONTACTS MADE AT  
RECEPTION.

7. TRANSPORTATION - A SNALL BUS WILL BE RENTED FOR  
AIRPORT/HOTEL RANSPORTATION, AND ALL GROUP VISITS  
(INCLUDINGR HOMS TRIP) FOR 5 DAYS, OCT 14-18. AXIS  
ARE READILY AVAILABLE AT HOTEL FOR INDIVIDUAL APPOINT-  
MENS. CONROL OFFICER AND COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST  
BASHIR NOTAFJI WILL ACCOMPANY MISSION ON ALL GROUP  
VISITS.

8. POST ASKS THAT ALL TRAVEL ARRANGMENTS FOR LEAVING  
DAMASCUS BE COMPLEED BEFORE ARRIVAL HERE SINCE EMBASSY  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IS TOO SMALL O PROVIDE THIS  
ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY WILL CONFIRM UPON ARRIVAL ONWARD  
RESERVATIONS. ANY TM MEMBERS DEPARING DAMASCUS  
EVENING OCT 18 SHOULD ADJUST RESERCATION AT MERIDIEN  
HOTEL ACCORDINGLY ON ARRIVAL.

9. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SRONG EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION  
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THAT BROCHURE INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE IN ARABIC FOR  
THOSE OFFICIALS AND ENGINEEKRS WHO DO NOT READ ENGLISH  
WELL, ADVANCE OFFICER HAS AUHORIZED RANSLATION AND  
TYPING OF BROCHURE BY COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST ON OVERTIME  
BASIS. THIS WORK HAS ALMOST BEEN COMPLETED AND  
COPIES OF RANSLATIONS ARE BEING POUCHED TO USDOC,  
EMBASSIES JIDDA AND KUWAIT AND EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICE

IN RIYADH. EMBASSY DAMASCUS UNDERTAKING REPRODUCTION OF TRANSLATION FOR INCLUSION WITH ITS BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION. OVERTIME COST OF TRANSLATION AND TYPING IS \$135. THIS BELIEVED BE LEGITIMATE CHARGE AGAINST DOMESTIC BUDGET OF TM; HENCE, USDOC REQUESTED TO ADJUST DAMASCUS M BUDGET ACCORDINGLY IN ORDER THAT MR. NOTAFJI MAY BE PROMPTLY REIMBURSED. THIS PAYMENT SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED IN ADDITION TO THE ADDITIONAL O&A FUNDS REQUESTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

10. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED POUCHED BROCHURES AND CATALOGUES FOR ALL FIRMS EXCEPT BAILEY METER AND BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS.

11. EMBASSY HAS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MISSION MEMBERS KEEPING TO SCHEDULE.

12. ADVANCE OFFICER HAS RECEIVED EMBASSY'S FULL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR WHICH HE IS MOST APPRECIATIVE. MURPHY

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